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Identical letters dated 16 October 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On 6 October 2012, the Hezbollah terrorist organization in Lebanon launched an Iranian military drone over Israel, violating our sovereignty and airspace. It is time for the United Nations and all responsible members of the international community to take note: Hezbollah's continued provocations and military build-up could have devastating consequences for the region

Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah publicly admitted that the drone was Iranian — providing even further evidence that his organization is a direct proxy of the Iranian regime. Iran has provided Hezbollah with the funds, training and advanced weapons to hijack the State of Lebanon and transform it into an outpost for terror. Nasrallah continues to operate a private army — with more missiles than many members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization — using the civilian villages of southern Lebanon as a giant storage facility for his growing arsenal.

At Iran's direction, Hezbollah is endangering the stability of Lebanon by staging provocations into Israel and working with Bashar al-Assad to slaughter the Syrian people.

I call on you — as the President of the Security Council — to publicly condemn Hezbollah's dangerous provocation. The Security Council, the Secretary-General and all responsible members of the international community should act decisively in responding to the danger posed by Hezbollah and its Iranian patrons.

Israel has exercised — and will continue to exercise — its right to self-defence, as appropriate, and will take all necessary measures to protect its citizens.

Those who say that a nuclear Iran could be contained should take note of these events. For decades, the doors to the arsenals of Iran's most sensitive military equipment have been open to Hezbollah. An Iranian regime that transfers sophisticated drones to terrorists today could easily transfer its most dangerous technologies tomorrow.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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